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Greetings from the Dean Dr. Susan Pierce

Welcome to the new year – it is sure to present both many opportunities and challenges.

This month brings both an historical gubernatorial inauguration in North Carolina and an historic presidential inauguration. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to relish these important milestones. Both Governor Perdue and President Obama face unprecedented challenges and both are exceedingly well qualified to handle them. Despite our economic hard times, we are in good hands.

Our School of Nursing is also in good hands. Our leadership team continues to tackle difficult decisions with thoughtful and fair reflection. Our full complement of faculty continues to provide excellent learning opportunities and to produce scholarly works that strengthen the quality of health care. Our students devote themselves both to their studies and to the needs of vulnerable populations – with 22 of our pre-licensure students (a record number!) heading off to Peru this coming March. We have a lot to be proud of.

While our focus remains on providing the very best teaching and learning environment to assure the ongoing development of the very best nursing professionals and nursing care, we cannot ignore the difficulties our economy poses. Challenges surround us – for our vulnerable patients, for our neighbors, for our peers, for our own families and, indeed, for ourselves. These are the occasions when it becomes even more important to band together, support each other and reach out to those in need. I recommend to you the amazing story of World War II nurses stationed in the Philippines who banded together and performed amazing feats of courage and persistence: *We Band of Angels* (2000) by Elizabeth M. Norman. These nurses not only survived under dire circumstances, but also gave quality patient care to wounded soldiers and civilians – all because of how they banded together for the common good. This economic crisis is our opportunity to show our best selves to the world, band together, and make the strategic decisions that will continue to strengthen our school and advance the health care we deliver. I look forward to working with all of you to do just that!



Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 29: Clinical Affiliate Meeting, NHRMC

Feb. 7-8: Camp Special Time

Feb. 9: SON Faculty Meeting

Feb. 16: Prelicensure Faculty Meeting
8:30 am, Watson 162

March 2: 7-1/2 week course switch date

March 7-28: Peru Experience

March 7-15: Spring Break

March 16: Prelicensure Faculty Meeting
10 a.m., Watson 162

April 4-5: Camp Special Time

April 15: Clinical Negotiations Meeting,
10 a.m.-4 p.m., NHRMC

April 16-17: Research Day Dinner and
Presentations

Welcome to the Class of December 2010!

Forty individuals comprise the newest class of nursing students. Of these 40 students, nine are male and 31 female. There are five international students representing the countries of Japan, Brazil, Jamaica and two from Romania.

Three students have previously served in the military and eight students have prior degrees: six with bachelor degrees and two with associate degrees. There are six nurse scholars, and 14 of the students are “non-traditional” (over the age of 21).



Notable Achievements

Dr. Debbie Pollard successfully passed the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) examination from the National League for Nursing on Nov. 19, '08.

The research, "Exploring the experience of hallucinations from a perspective of self: Surviving and persevering" of **Dr. Judith Jarosinski** was published in the Nov. '08 issue of the *Journal of American Psychiatric Nurses Association*.

Dr. Anne Marie Goff recently defended her dissertation, "Stressors, Academic Performance, and Learned Resourcefulness in Baccalaureate Nursing Students."

Former FNP graduate student **Carol Butler** (May '08) has recently had her research "Exploration of health care concerns of Hispanic women in a rural southeast North Carolina community" published in the *Online Journal of Nursing and Health-care*. The research was co-authored by **Drs. Yeoun Soo Kim-Godwin** and **Jane A. Fox**.

RN-MSN nurse educator student **Kirstin Nannini** has recently accepted a new clinical educator position at New Hanover Hospital. Kirstin will be working with new graduate nurses and nurses new to the hospital.

RN Access student **Jenna Bennett** has recently had her paper "New Graduate Nurses in the Emergency Department" accepted for publication in the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Clinical and Cultural Immersion to Peru

Twenty-one students will be traveling to Peru this year to complete community, pediatrics or capstone experiences. Faculty attending the trip include **Roberta Allred**, **Drs. Susan Pierce** and **Kae Livsey**. The group of students and faculty are especially fortunate this year to have an additional UNCW faculty member, **Dr. Jennifer Horan** from the Department of Public & International Affairs, who will provide translation assistance. Dr. Horan's research interests include work in South America on disaster preparedness.

Everyone is encouraged to support the Peru contingency by eating at CiCi's Pizza on Jan. 26. Proceeds from pizza will be given to help support our trip. It is important to mention the support for the SON mission trip in Peru.



New School of Nursing Building Completion: April 25, 2010!

Site work is underway for the new School of Nursing Building at the corners of Cahill and Reynolds Drives. Furniture and equipment selection begin this month with a proposed plan to be presented to faculty and staff in February. The process of color and style selection will occur in March and April with a plan to be presented for the design and outfitting of the building on April 26, '09. For additional information, please contact **Stephanie Smith**, external programs director, SON, at smithsd@uncw.edu.



Office of Research and Community Partnerships

Graduate Assistants: Please welcome our new graduate assistants, **Martina Jonsson** and **Emily Beamon**. **Kristin Peoples** and **Heather Staton** are returning students. Student work hours and duties were sent to all faculty members by email. Please contact Linda Ferrell at ferrell@uncw.edu if nursing faculty need support for research or teaching projects.

Plans for Accelerated BSN Program: The School of Nursing received a Congressionally-directed grant, funded by the Department of Education, to plan a fast-track, accelerated nursing program at the Onslow County Extension. Accelerated students with military backgrounds will be able to receive a bachelor of science degree in nursing within 16-18 months of school entry. Interested students should contact: **April Hiltbold**, staff assistant, Onslow County Extension, 910-465-1446 or hiltbolda@uncw.edu. Drs. **Janie Canty-Mitchell** and **Deborah Pollard** are faculty contacts for the project.

New Procedures for the UNCW Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs (ORSSP): Beginning Jan. 20, '09, ORSSP will transition from a written internal processing form to an electronic system called RAMSeS. The new system is Web-based and will allow investigators to electronically complete internal routing information and attach grant and contract proposals for campus routing. The system also allows for electronic approval of proposals by investigators, department chairs, deans and other appropriate administrators. Training for the new program has begun and more sessions will be offered monthly.

Faculty Workshops: Drs. **Danielle Laborde** and **Janie Canty-Mitchell** have planned workshops to provide a group forum for support of faculty research, scholarship and publications. These are held twice a month on Wednesday, alternating between 12-1 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. Please refer to flyer sent out previously to all faculty and staff.

Upcoming Events:

Research Day: The 17th Annual Research Day is scheduled for April 16-17. This year's theme is: "The Power of Evidence-Based Nursing." The keynote speaker is **Dr. Dennis Sherrod**, Ph.D., RN. **Dr. Sherrod** is the Forsyth Medical Center Endowed Chair for Recruitment and Retention at Winston-Salem State University. **Abstracts are due February 20, 2009.** Acceptance letters will be sent by Mar. 13, '09. Registration and attendance is required for all conference presenters. Contact **Linda Ferrell** at ferrell@uncw.edu or at 962-3200 for details.

Sigma Theta Tau International Conference: The 40th Biennial Convention will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 4, '09 in Indianapolis, Ind. The deadline for abstract submission is Jan. 28, '09. This is a very good opportunity for junior faculty as well as experienced tenured faculty. Part-time or full-time lecturers are encouraged to become co-authors on abstracts with junior and senior faculty as well. We hope to have a good representation from the SON. Abstract submission link: <http://www.nursingsociety.org/STTIEvents/BiennialConvention/Pages/2009cfa.aspx>

Nursing and Health Academy News: The 2nd Annual Youth Health Summit is planned for Mar. 13, '09 from 9a.m.-1p.m. at the Cameron School of Business. In 2008, more than 250 students from five southeast counties attended the summit. On Mar. 14, '09, the SON will sponsor a mock disaster in collaboration with the N.C. State Medical Assistance Team II. Participants enrolled in our Camp BONES Academy will interact with the SMAT Team as victims and rescuers in an emergency disaster and bioterrorism drill.

Goals for the Office of Research and Community Partnerships:

- **Grants and Contracts: \$2,000,000 by 2010**
- **Publication Goals: 10 articles in peer-reviewed journals per academic year**

Congratulations to the December 2008 Graduates!

One MSN Nurse Educator graduate student, three RN to BSN students and thirty-two prelicensure students graduated Dec. 13, '08. Special recognition was given to those receiving special awards and recognition: the Graduate Achievement Award to **Flor Yolanda McKinley**, the RN to BSN Achievement Award to **Marianne Coy** and the RN to BSN Excellence Award to **Lydia Edwards**. In the prelicensure class, the Excellence Award was presented to **Angela Blake** and the Achievement Award to **Kimberly Simms**. Special recognition from the Gerontology Department of UNCW was given to **Alexis Medlin** as the Outstanding Gerontology student.

Picture on the right are the December '08 graduates with faculty.



Student Induction into the Nu Omega Chapter on Nov. 13, '08

Congratulations to the following students for their recent induction into the Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society:

Prelicensure Inductees:

Angela Church Blake
Rachel Eileen Heuser
Joanna Jacobus
Kacie Nifong
Katelyn Marie Stone
Lori Walker

Kerry Elizabeth Burden
Alyssa Noelani Horne
Michelle Irene Kramer
Matthew Parker
Catherine Swain

Christie Deaton
Holli Hughes
Meredith Ann Lomaz
Kimberly Rushing
Holly Humphrey Swain

Elizabeth Burns Godwin
Jonathan Peter Hughes
Tara Anne Moran
Kimberly Walters Simms
Allison Tarase

RN Access Inductees:

Lydia Edwards

Stephen Harris

Master of Science in Nursing Inductees:

Shelley Yvonne Brown
Rhonda Lynch
Andrea Petrone

Bambi Nicole Floyd
Rebecca Noell
Barbara Anne Pridgen

Andrea Formy Duval
Ruth Anne Palumbo
Crystal Thornton

Kathern Garner Lomax
Rand Pennington
Anita Thurman

Nurse Leader Inductees:

Pam Hagley

Celeste Stephens



Dr. Julie Taylor Smith received special recognition as the immediate past-president of the Nu Omega Chapter.



Welcome to our Newest Faculty

Dr. Kathy Cox joins us as a part-time adult health faculty member. Most recently from George Mason University, Cox was an assistant professor. She earned her master's degree from Marymount University in 1988 and her Ph.D. in Nursing from George Mason University in 2002. She is a Captain in the United States Navy and is certified in Emergency Nursing, Critical-Care Nursing, and as a Critical-Care Clinical Nurse Specialist.

Patti White joins us as part-time clinical faculty in Pediatric Nursing (NSG 401). She works part-time for the New Hanover Health Network, and she is an expert in neo-natal nursing and bereavement. She is an alumnus from ECU from the graduate nurse educator program.

Shannon Thompson joins us as part-time clinical faculty in Adult Health I (NSG 326). She works as a nurse consultant for Comfort Keepers, Inc. in Wilmington. She is also an UNCW alumnus from the FNP program.

Billie Robinson joins us as part-time clinical faculty in Mental Health Nursing (NSG 329). She works NHHN at The Oaks. She has a M.S. from Yale University in Adult Psychiatric Nursing.

Faculty and Staff Contribute to Deserving Families

In December, faculty and staff sponsored a deserving family through the Coastal AIDS Resource Effort (CARE) in Wilmington. Drs. Debbie Pollard, RuthAnne Kuiper and Brenda Pavill (left to right in the photo) take one last look at the donations prior to delivery to CARE.



World AIDS Day

The SON and CARE co-hosted an event on World AIDS Day entitled "Project Many Faces" on Dec. 1, '08. The event consisted of a ribbon and candlelight memorial commemorating World AIDS Day. Nearly 100 people attended the event, which targeted health promotion and awareness and served as a memorial for all those affected by HIV and AIDS.

"Honey Baby" at the Oaks

Pictured on the left are the students who completed their Fall '08 mental health rotation at The Oaks with "Honey Baby," the therapeutic canine, and her owner. Honey Baby visits the hospital on a regular basis to uplift spirits and assist patients in their recovery.



Please submit calendar events, notable achievements, community events, research/scholarship activities and questions for faculty/staff to our editorial and production staff: Sandy O'Donnell at odonnells@uncw.edu or Debra Simpson at simpsond@uncw.edu.

Lingering Thought

Nurses are angels in comfortable shoes.

Author Unknown